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MISSOULA--

Dr. Edward E. Waali, newly appointed assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Montana, was among students and faculty from about 50 colleges and universities who worked this summer in specialized research for six Hanford contractors.

The Northwest College and University Association for Science (NORCUS) administers the laboratory-cooperative program for the federal Department of Energy. Waali was one of eight faculty appointees who worked at the Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratory, Richland, Wash., which is operated for the department by Battelle Memorial Institute.

Both Battelle and the faculty appointees benefitted from the program, according to Dr. Frank P. Hungate, staff scientist in Battelle's Biology Department and coordinator of the institute's participation in the program.

"For faculty, it is an opportunity to gain expanded experience by being involved in research projects related to the teaching and research they do on their home campus," he said.

At the Battelle laboratory, Waali conducted research on the reaction of metal atoms with organic substrates.

Waali, who holds a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Wyoming, was a member of the faculty at the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, for the past three years. He will take up his duties at the UM Sept. 17.

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